

CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ **Co-Chair of the Bipartisan, Bicameral Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus** to help educate members on the importance of investing in clean, green technologies and promote bipartisan efforts that support development of renewable and sustainable energy sources.
- ◆ **Co-Chair of the Bipartisan National Parks Caucus** and long-time leader of an annual letter to the Appropriations Committee urging strong funding for our National Parks. The letter also calls for funding necessary to address the maintenance backlog at our parks. For Fiscal Year 2018, secured support from over 150 bipartisan members who signed the letter.
- ◆ **Lead Republican Voice in Congress on Protecting Our Environment and Promoting Clean Energy:** Member of the House Energy, Innovation, and Environmental Working Group to bring Republicans together to promote common sense and market based reforms that grow the economy, promote cleaner energy production, and protect our environment.
- ◆ **Authored Legislation to Expand the Popular Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area:** Authored legislation that was enacted into law to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area by over 22,000 acres and designate the Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers as Wild and Scenic (P.L. 113-291).
- ◆ **Champion of Protecting and Making Permanent the Land and Water Conservation Fund:** Long-time leader of an annual bipartisan letter encouraging the Appropriations Committee to provide strong funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). For Fiscal Year 2018, secured support on the letter from over 200 bipartisan Members of Congress. Lead Republican sponsor of legislation to permanently authorize LWCF (H.R. 502). LWCF helps preserve, develop, and ensure access to outdoor recreation. LWCF funds support the preservation of national treasures in Washington State like Mt. Rainier National Park, as well as local 8th District projects like the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, Lake Wenatchee State Park, and the Ellensburg Neighborhood Park.
- ◆ **Co-Authored Legislation Supporting our Public Lands:** Co-authored and introduced a bipartisan resolution (H.Res. 195) expressing the sense of Congress that America's federal public lands are a national treasure that belong to all Americans and should be maintained and protected for future generations.
- ◆ **Authored Legislation Designating the Mountains to Sound Greenway a National Heritage Area:** The Mountains to Sound Greenway's rich natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combine to form a landscape of national distinction. Authored and introduced bipartisan legislation that would give recognition to the area's rich natural heritage and contribution to American history by designating the Mountains to Sounds Greenway a National Heritage Area (H.R. 1791).
- ◆ **Addressing Climate Change:** Co-authored and introduced a climate resolution with 17 Republican lawmakers that calls for better environmental stewardship through solutions that are economically viable, and broadly supported by all Americans (H.Res. 195). Member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus to support efforts to understand and address climate change. The Caucus works on economically viable options to reduce climate risk and protect our nation's economy, security, infrastructure, agriculture, water supply, public safety, and national security.

- ◆ **Leader in Puget Sound Cleanup and Restoration:** Led a bipartisan letter to President Trump asking him to support federal funding for cleanup and rehabilitation efforts funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's Geographic Program. This program is vital to salmon recovery efforts in the Puget Sound. Also, led a bipartisan letter to the Appropriations Committee asking to support funding in Fiscal Year 2018 such efforts.
- ◆ **Led Effort to Ensure Visitor Safety on Public Lands:** Led a bipartisan letter to the Appropriations Committee asking for strong funding for public lands law enforcement divisions. These officers work to keep park visitors safe and protect our natural treasures from forest fires, looting and vandalism of archeological sites, and other disruptions.
- ◆ **Led Effort to Secure Vital Funding for the National Trails System:** Led a bipartisan letter to the Appropriations Committee calling for strong funding in Fiscal Year 2018 for the national trails system. Secured support from over 70 bipartisan Members of Congress on the letter.
- ◆ **Protecting North American Wetlands:** Signed onto a bipartisan letter to the Appropriations Committee asking for strong funding in Fiscal Year 2018 to protect, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for migratory birds and other wildlife.
- ◆ **Supporting State and Tribal Wildlife Grants:** Signed onto a bipartisan letter to the Appropriations Committee asking for significant funding in Fiscal Year 2018 for state and tribal wildlife grants that provide federal investments to sustain our nation's fish and wildlife.
- ◆ **Committed to Preserving the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR):** Opposed efforts to open ANWR to drilling. ANWR and the Alaskan wilderness must be protected.
- ◆ **Opposed Legislation to Nullify the Stream Buffer Protection Rule:** Voted to keep in place the Obama Administration's Stream Buffer Protection Rule that ensured surface coal mining operations leave land within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream undisturbed. For the first time the rule also required coal mining companies to monitor water quality and restoration, and required them to restore the surrounding environment that was impacted by the coal mining operations. Opposed legislation to overturn the Rule (H.J.Res.38).
- ◆ **Opposed Legislation to Repeal the BLM Methane and Waste Prevention Rule:** Voted to keep in place the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Methane and Waste Prevention Rule that required oil and gas producers to cut flaring in half at oil wells on public and tribal lands. Flaring is a gas disposal technique that releases methane gas into the atmosphere. Opposed legislation to overturn the Rule (H.J.Res. 36) because appropriate actions and technologies should be utilized to capture lost natural gas and make sure it goes to heating our homes rather than polluting our air.
- ◆ **Opposed Legislation Allowing Cruel Predator Control Practices in Alaska:** Voted to keep in place the Obama Administration's rule prohibiting certain methods of predator control within National Wildlife Refuges. The rule prohibited the killing of wolves and their pups during the spring "denning" season, the baiting of brown bears, the shooting of mother bears with their cubs, and the aerial killing of wolves and bears from planes or helicopters. Opposed legislation to overturn this rule (H.J.Res. 69) and protect our national parks, wildlife refuges, and the wildlife that inhabits them.